

TWO
PETITIONS
TO BOTH HOUSES
OF
PARLIAMENT:

For { P E A C E,
W A R R E.

From many of the Citizens of

L O N D O N.



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TO THE
RIGHT HONOURABLE
 the Lords and Commons assem-
 bled in PARLIAMENT.

*The Humble Petition of divers Inhabitants of the
 City of LONDON, and the Liberties thereof.*

Sheweth,



That the present sense of our miseries,
 and apprehensions inevitable of ru-
 ine, both of Church and Common-
 wealth, make us become humble
 suiters to this Honourable Assembly (the likeliest
 meanes under God for our reliefe) to consider
 our distressed estate, and provide a speedy re-
 medy for our present and future evils.

Earnestly desiring you to weigh the Case and
 Iudgement of our Predecessours, who by a
 knowne Law settled and preserved our Prote-
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stant Religion, our liberties and Properties, with a right understanding between King & Subjects, which produced peace and plenty in our streets.

And to reflect with serious thoughts upon our present distempers, violating Religion by Papists & Sectaries, engaging our Nation in a Civil, bloody, and destructive Warre, invading our Lawes and Liberties, endangering all our Lives, and utterly disabling us to relieve our distressed brethren in *Ireland*.

We beseech you likewise consider the effects of a continued Warre, as the destructions of Christians, the unnaturall effusion of blood, Fathers against Sons, Brothers by Brothers, Friends by Friends slaine; then famine and sicknesse the followers of a Civil Warre, making way for a generall confusion and Invasion by a Forraign Nation, while our Treasure is exhausted, our Trade lost, and the Kingdome dispeopled.

These things weighed and enlarged by your wisdomes, we doubt not will be as strong motives in you to labour, as in us to desire a speedy Peace, and happy Accommodation.

Wherefore we humbly crave, that not lending an eare to any fomentours to the present War,

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under what pretence soever: nor remembering
ought that may encrease jealousies, or continue
divisions betweene his Majestie and his Houses
of Parliament; you will speedily tender His Ma-
jestie (according to His Regall intimations) such
propositions for Accommodation as hee may
with honour and safety to the whole Kingdome
accept.

For effecting whereof wee shall be ready to
assist you with the best and utmost of our abili-
ties, and whilst you endeavour peace, wee shall
send up our prayers to heaven for the blessing of
peace upon you, and all that desire it.

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TO THE
RIGHT HONOURABLE
ASSEMBLY OF BOTH
Houses of PARLIAMENT.

*The Humble Petition of many hundred zealous,
and well-affected Citizens of London, and o-
thers in avowing the requests and desires of Sir
David Watkins, M^r Shute the Merchant, and
others for Warre, and against the Petition for
Peace by the Malignants.*

Shewing,

THat wee have great cause to blesse
God for the happy Condition, wee
and all this Kingdome are in for the
present, and do rejoyce with un-
speakeable joy in the apprehension of, seeing a
Glorious Church, and flourishing Common-
wealth, which makes us to addresse our selves
to this Honourable assembly with hearty, and
unspeakeable thanks for reduceing us to this
blessed estate.

Earnestly beseeching you to weigh the care

and judgement of our holy predeceffours, who by a fecret uuknowne Law to the World, and godly inftinct, did fettle and preserve the moft pure Religion, and Community of all things amongst the Saints. And although the Kings of the Earth tooke occafion thereupon to be at difference with the holy men of the times, being Gods people, which produced Warre and Penury, yet the fame was ever moft advantageous for Gods people, who have the onely true right and property to all earthly inheritances.

Wee pray you alfo to reflect with ferious thoughts upon our unanimous agreement for extirpating the Antichriftian Religion, and Popifh booke of Common Prayer, of a long time maintained, and countenanced by an ungodly Law in this Land, and the happineffe that is likely to redound to us, and other the holy people of this Kingdome by this Civill warre; whereby not onely Bifhops, and the reft of the Antichriftian Clergie fhall be rooted out, and their large revenues be at your difpofall, but all the Malignants of this Land may be deprived of their Eftates, Liberties, and Lives, which they audaciously challenge by their pretended

pretended knowne Lawes, and their Estates goe for reliefe of our brethren in *Ireland*, or where else you please to bestow them.

We beseech you also to consider the effects of this Warre, namely the cutting off all Malignants and ill affected, wherein we may see the true zeale of righteous children killing their wicked Parents; the holy brethren butchering the prophane, and the godly utterly destroying their nearest friends, if Reprobates and ungodly; whereby we may surely expect health and plenty in our houses and streets, and will be a great cause of joyning altogether unanimously to oppose any forraine enemy, whilst our Coffers shall be full of the wealth of the wicked Malignants, our trade shall increase, and our Kingdome grow more populous.

These things weighed and enlarged by your wisdomes, we doubt not but will be a strong motion in you to labour, as in us to desire a continued Warre, without giving way to any Accommodations.

Wherefore we humbly crave, that (not lending an eare to any that seeke, or pray for Peace, under any pretence whatsoever, but remembering all
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the mis-carriages in Government, and breaches of trust by the King, and His separating Himselfe from His Parliament, lively represented in your Remonstrances and Declarations) you will not at all send any Propositions to Him, tending to Peace, or Accommodation, or at all think upon the Kings Honour, or Safety of the Kingdome, but proceed vigorously in the Warre against the King and His Cavaliers, and to give sharpe Answers, and reproofe to all Petitioners for Peace; and to presse on a speedy execution of your late Ordinance for taxe of the twentieth part of the estates of such as have not contributed to the Parliament, or not in proportion; and to make further Ordinance for taking greater proportions of their estates, that so the estates of the Malignants which Petition for Peace, may be seized at your dispose, their persons speedily imprisoned, and their wives, children, and families turned out of doores and banished. For the effecting of all which wee shall be ready to assist you (as hitherto we have done with the best, and utmost of our abilities) and whilst you oppose any treaties, or thoughts of Peace, we shall by our zealous prayers crave a blessing upon you, and all that set forward, prosecute, and encourage the Warre.

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